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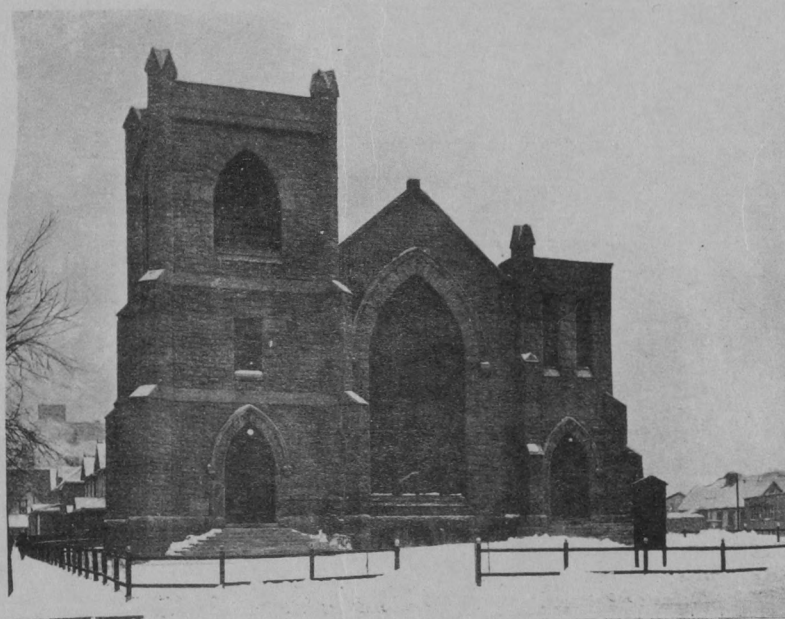
**60th Anniversary of the Congregation**

*Founded - November 11th, 1901*

*and*

**54th Anniversary of the Dedication  
of the Present Church Building**

*Dedicated - December 1st, 1907*



To the Men and Women who have  
served the Master of Man in  
this Congregation with loyal devotion,  
and whose unremembered acts of  
kindness are greatfully acknowledged,  
this booklet is respectfully dedicated.

## MY CHURCH AND I.

My Church is the place where the word of God is preached, the power of God is felt, the Spirit of God is manifested, the Love of God is revealed, and the Unity of God is perceived.

It is the home of my soul, the altar of my devotion, the hearth of my faith, the centre of my affections and the foretaste of heaven.

I have united with it in solemn covenant, pledging myself to attend its services, to pray for its members, to give to its support and to obey its laws.

It claims the first place in my heart, the highest place in my mind, the principal place in my activities, and its unity, peace and progress concern my life in this world and that which is to come.

I owe it my zeal, my benevolence and my prayers.

When I neglect its services I injure its good name, I lessen its power, I discourage its members and I chill my own soul.

I have solemnly promised in the sight of God and men to advance its interests by my faithful attendance, by reading the Holy Bible, by never neglecting its ordinances, by contributing to its support, by meeting with my fellow members, by watching over their welfare and by joining with them in prayer and praise and service; Christ my Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit my Sanctifier.

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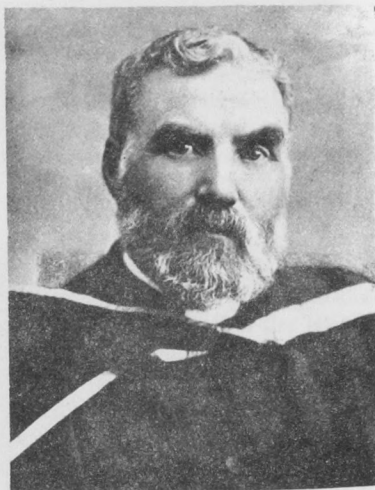
### The Ministers Message

On the occasion of the Sixtieth Anniversary of St. Paul's United Church, we look back with tender memory to the children who first learned of God within this Sanctuary ... the young men and women who pledged their troth to each other at the altar ... The little ones who were brought in baptism ... the loved ones who were brought for last sacred rites ... the countless servants who used their God-given talents to make this portion of the vineyard a worthy part of His Kingdom.

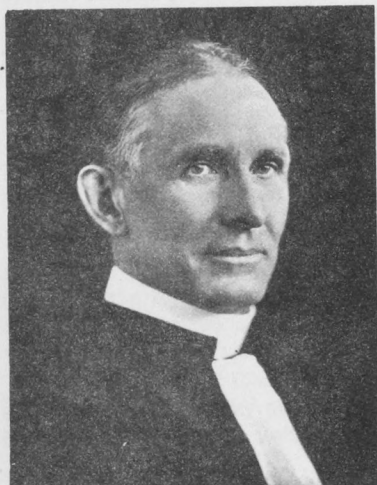
These pages are dedicated to our church and the part it has played in the lives of its people - a place of silence and a place of rejoicing; a place of inspiration and a place of shelter from the storms. Here we have found rest for the soul and peace for the mind; and a place of prospect from whence we looked beyond today to tomorrow.

We rededicate ourselves to all that has been worthy in the past. We look to the future asking for Christ's blessing on our endeavours and for His love to inspire us.

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Rev. William Patrick, D.D.  
Founder of St. Paul's Congregation



Rev. P. Bruce Thornton, D.D.  
1913 - 1930



Rev. S.R. McLeod, B.A. D.D.  
1946 - 1955



Rev. Chas. H. Stewart, D.D.  
1902 - 1913



Rev. P.T. Pilkey, M.A.  
1930 - 1946



Rev. A. Grant Smith, B.A.  
1955 -







## HISTORICAL SKETCH

The congregation had its beginning in February, 1897, and was then known as the Beverley Street Mission. It was situated on Beverley Street near the corner of Notre Dame Ave., and was started under the leadership of Rev. Samuel Polson. The building which housed the mission was formerly St. George's Anglican Church at the corner of Bannatyne Avenue and Isabel Street. After 6 months Mr. Polson asked to be relieved and the Mission was supplied by students from Manitoba College for about three years. During this period the Mission was under the supervision of the Home Mission Committee of the Presbytery of Winnipeg, with Dr. Bryce as Convenor. Among the students appointed to the field were Messrs. Hugh J. Robertson, A. J. Irwin, Andrew Little, David Lang, Hugh Hamilton, and R. A. King, afterwards Dr. R. A. King, principal of Indore College, India.

The growth of the Mission was slow, and at the end of 5 years there were 13 members and the revenue was less than \$200. In 1901 the building was moved to the corner of Nena Street - now Sherbrooke Street - and Notre Dame Avenue and made ready for worship at a cost of \$2,000. Mr. Charles H. Stewart, student at Manitoba College, was placed in charge. On November 11th, 1901, this Nena Street Mission became known as St. Paul's and from this date begins the story of St. Paul's congregation. The seating capacity of the old church was 150. To Dr. Patrick, who was installed principal of Manitoba College on April 12th, 1900, must go a large measure of credit for counsel and practical assistance from time to time. At the end of the first year the membership was increased from 13 to 100, and the seating capacity to 300. Mr. Stewart completed his studies and the congregation became an augmented charge, receiving a grant of \$250.00 from the Home Mission Fund of the Presbyterian Church. In 1904 the seating capacity was increased again, making it 400 and a modest manse built. In 1906 the present site was purchased for \$15,000.00 and the erection of the present church edifice was commenced in August of the same year. The seating capacity of the new building is 1200 and the cost was \$47,000.00 and \$5,000.00 for furnishings, making the total cost \$67,000.00. In 1906 the membership was 351 and the income from all sources \$5,700.00.

## LAYING THE CORNER STONE

The laying of the corner stone of the present church building took place on Saturday Afternoon, October 5th, 1907. It was a novel experience to listen to the service of such an occasion within the building already roofed and ready for the formal opening. Much interest was taken in the ceremony and a goodly representation from other Presbyterian congregations in the city was present.

Rev. Chas. H. Stewart, Minister of the congregation, was in the chair, and with him on the platform were Rev. Dr. Patrick, principal of Manitoba College; Rev. Clarence MacKinnon; Dr. Hart; Dr. A. B. Baird; Dr. C. W. Gordon; Revs. Hugh J. Robinson, Donald Munro, Dr. C. B. Wilson and William Graham.

The service opened with an invocation by the chairman, followed by the singing of the 100th Psalm, Dr. Hart read a scripture lesson and the congregation recited the Lord's Prayer.

Mr. C. W. Laidlaw, Clerk of the Session of St. Paul's congregation read a sketch of the church's history.

Dr. Patrick then laid the corner stone. A collection of the usual articles was deposited in a box and placed in the cavity under the stone. The official act was performed with a silver trowel presented for the purpose and suitably engraved. Dr. Duval offered the dedicatory prayer. The audience then returned to the church and several addresses were given by Dr. Patrick, Dr. C. W. Gordon and Rev. Clarence MacKinnon who briefly wished the minister and congregation God's blessing in their new church, and many years of happiness and christian fellowship.

The ceremony was concluded with the singing of "O God of Bethel" and the benediction was pronounced by Dr. G. B. Wilson.

## OPENING SERVICES

The new St. Paul's church was dedicated on Sunday, December 1st, with appropriate services. The congregation was large, the edifice being well filled. Rev. Principal Patrick, D. D. offered a brief prayer of Invocation after which the 10th Psalm was sung. The minister, Rev. Charles H. Stewart, read the Old Testament lesson.

Principal Patrick recited the Apostles' creed and the congregation joined him in repeating the Lord's Prayer. The hymn, "Thou Whose Unmeasured Temple Stands" was sung. The minister read the New Testament lesson and Principal Patrick offered the prayer of dedication.

Mr. Stewart appealed for contributions of \$2,000. in connection with the first three Sundays in the Church. There were twenty in the choir and the anthem on this occasion was "Blessing, Honor, Glory and Power." The choir was assisted by Mrs. Flora-McIvor-Craig of Toronto.

The preacher for the morning service was Rev. Charles W. Gordon, D.D. His discourse was founded on the 9th chapter of Mark. During his sermon Dr. Gordon expressed a word of joy, of sympathetic congratulation to the people of St. Paul's for what they had been enabled to do. - Principal Patrick pronounced the benediction.

Spacious as the new church is, it was quite unequal to the tasks of accommodating the multitude that flocked to its doors. As it was, fifteen hundred crammed themselves into a space designed to seat twelve hundred and it is estimated that four hundred were turned away from the doors.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY

In the afternoon there was a Sunday School Rally, which was attended by some five hundred children and their parents. Mr. W. H. Irwin, the provincial superintendent of Sunday Schools gave an address, Mr. H. W. Watson, the superintendent of St. Paul's Sunday School and Mr. H. F. Kenny, also spoke to the congregation. An orchestra led by James Moir accompanied the hymns and Miss Meredith Smith sang.

Following the Sunday Services, on Monday night a grand opening concert was held, with Mr. Stewart as chairman and Mrs. Flora McIvor-Craig as guest artist. Greetings were received from Mr. Stewart's former congregation at Hamiota. Addresses were given by Dr. Bryce, Revs. J. J. Roy of St. George's Anglican Church, Hugh J. Robertson, who reminded the congregation of the time when the windows of the old church rattled and the building shook as it stood alone on the prairies. A message of congratulation and best wishes was received from Rev. W. A. MacLean of St. Giles Church. Following the concert, refreshments were served in the lecture hall of the church.

## "HITHERTO HATH THE LORD HELPED US"

## ST. PAUL'S CARRIES ON

The activity around St. Paul's Church during this Diamond Jubilee is convincing testimony to the faith and enthusiasm with which the present generation seeks to carry on in a goodly tradition.

First, however, let us look back over some of the things that have been accomplished by our predecessors. For, being a young church in a young City and younger district, there were many obstacles that had to be overcome, but through faith in God and the Church they were serving, the pioneers were able to surmount these.

In covering the early beginning of our Church at the corner of Nena Street (Sherbrooke) and Notre Dame Ave., I think we can secure no better information than that supplied by Rev. Charles H. Stewart on the occasion of our 25th Anniversary, which reads in part -

"It is with the greatest difficulty that I can bring myself to realize that it is, indeed, twenty-five years since we dedicated St. Paul's church to the worship and service of God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. It is with yet greater difficulty that I find words to express the pardonable pride and joy with which I have watched the progress of St. Paul's through the first quarter century of her history.

"I had the rare honor of laying the foundations of your present great congregation. It seems like yesterday when, in the autumn of 1901, I went to the Church which had just been moved from Beverley Street to the corner of

Notre Dame and Nena Streets. There were thirteen members who came from the Beverley Street Mission. This was the nucleus of the new St. Paul's congregation.

"On our first Sunday, we had quite a congregation at both the morning and evening services, and in the afternoon, we held our first session of the Sunday School with an attendance of some forty-three children. It was a small beginning, but very soon we organized a Session consisting of Rev. Chas. H. Stewart, (Moderator), Dr. Patrick, Messrs. J. D. Johnson, William Craig, J. Williams, Wm. Shaw and C. W. Laidlaw, Clerk; a Board of Managers comprising Messrs. J. T. Noble, Thomas Corbett, James Manson, J. Forsythe, Allan McRae, John Moir, H. F. Craig, N. Thompson, J. Hawley Wills, G. H. Ross, J. A. Smith and Andrew Broatch. Next came our Ladies Aid Society and our Choir.

"The Church began to grow with the westward growth of the city. At the end of our second year, we were crowded and pulled down a portion of the old building and built a new wing, thus doubling our seating capacity to 300. A year later we secured a lot at 688 McDermot Avenue and built our first manse. From the day our enlarged building was opened, it was crowded at almost every service and in two years time we were again compelled to provide more room for both Church and Sunday School. Then it was that the great enterprise of building the present handsome stone structure was launched.

"I shall never forget the spirit of high courage with which the whole people threw themselves into the building of the new Church. The courage was all needed, for, in 1907, just as our new Church was nearing completion, a financial panic seized the whole country, leaving us at our wits end to meet the enormous cost of our new building. I shall never forget how the men and women of St. Paul's Church rallied to the support of their Church. The men undertook new and heavier financial burdens; the brave women of the Church organized themselves into working forces, with the result that we got money enough to see us through the panic and out into the days of new and unexpected prosperity.

"I do not trust myself to mention the name of those devoted men and women who stood by us so nobly in the early years of St. Paul's history, but I shall remember them and honor them till the end of my days.

"It is now nearly twenty years since I left Winnipeg and my beloved church. During all those years the work of the Church has continued to prosper and today St. Paul's occupies a proud place among the great churches in Winnipeg. Dr. Bruce Thornton, my successor, proved himself to be an able and devoted minister. Under his ministry the work of the Church continued with increasing momentum."

Mr. Stewart mentions the financial panic that seized the whole country during the early years of the church and how the men and women rallied their forces to meet this crisis and out into the days of unexpected prosperity, but though they were able to overcome this first hurdle there were many more to come before the church was clear of debt. It was 39 years later during which time St. Paul's suffered with the rest of the world community through depressions, two world wars, and a flu epidemic, before the debt incurred by these early pioneers was discharged.

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We regret that we are unable to bring messages to you from our other former Ministers, Rev. P. Bruce Thornton and Rev. P. T. Pilkey, but we have no messages from either of them in our Thirty-First Anniversary booklet. However, I am sure that there are many people around St. Paul's who well remember their sterling qualities and personality, which combined with the marvelous work they had done during their terms as ministers of our church, has endeared them in the hearts and thoughts of everyone who knew them.

## THE MINISTER'S MESSAGE OF 1951.

"A Golden Jubilee in a church is truly an occasion for thanksgiving and rejoicing; thanksgiving for the men and women who through the years have hallowed St. Paul's with noble traditions; rejoicing for the opportunity that is ours to "make one music as before, but Vaster."

"The past is eloquent in testimony to the faith and vision, the work and sacrifice that has purchased this day of our opportunity. The years have wrought many changes in the community our church serves, changes calling for initiative and imaginative handling of our programme and ministry. With God's help and our willingness to serve there is no reason why our tomorrows cannot be fully worthy of our yesterdays.

"We cannot foresee the future but today is ours, and our plain duty is for each to do his or her part in improving the present. With more people per housing unit in our community than there has ever been, with one of the largest Sunday School enrollments in the city, and with people's basic need still the need of God and human friendship and concern, who would dare say the present is not calling us to St. Paul's.



"In the knowledge that the Christian Church is born of the Love and Will of God, let us take our places in its fellowship with confident spirit believing that to do so will be to fulfill the aim that St. Paul's may increasingly serve the Master in this place and in the community."

(Signed) Stanley R. McLeod.

## A CHALLENGING FUTURE FOR ST. PAUL'S.

The past decade from 1951 to 1961 has seen some very significant changes in St. Paul's. Coming out of the war period and the aftermath of the depression, there was a significant decline in the area around St. Paul's. The rooming houses were on the increase, an influx of many nationalities and the in roads of the slum area were apparent.

This trend stopped with the turn of the decade and the stabilization of the General Hospital program. Property values were on the rise and the church felt the change. A whole new evaluation of the situation came with the information that there was little likelihood that the Hospital would require our property and the congregation turned to the task of renovation with the thought of many years of service yet to render.

This move stabilized the congregation and now we look to tomorrow.

The loyal congregation with vision and courage set the stage with its bold approach to the future and looked to the needs of Christian education with a realization that to maintain the program the church would have to give wise guidance and assistance to see that the church served the needs of the community.

Proximity to the Hospital has left St. Paul's the new task of being a Hospital church, and what the future holds in this direction only time will tell. Sufficient to say that the Medical Apartments, the Lennox Bell House, for married Interns, the Interns Quarters, the whole expanded residences for the General and Children's Hospitals, have brought into our midst more hospital personnel than ever before. The expanded facilities of the huge Re-Hab Hospital will mean meeting the needs of somewhat transient persons Spiritually while the bodies heal physically. This will probably mean that a full time Chaplain will be placed in the hospital and that St. Paul's church will be his associate church. This association will mean a closer tie-in with the hospital program and personnel and will again be a way that we can serve the community in the service of Jesus Christ.

The congregation in this period of the next decade will experience certain growing pains as we sort out our relationship to a changing community. Something must be done to make a church home for a great number of older persons who are coming into the multiple dwelling residences. Persons who are in small apartments and need the warmth and friendship of the church to give meaning to declining years and so a Senior Citizens program with meaning and vitality is part of tomorrow.

This cannot be done by people of the community and as the city pushes Westward we must hold to the loyalty of many members of St. Paul's in distant suburbs. We must call on them for they are our trained leaders, our willing workers and the persons who through dedicated time and effort gave energy and vitality to the church in the past decade and will give leadership and guidance tomorrow.

A great and challenging task lies ahead for our church as it stands at the edge of the sprawling Hospital development and a changing district, and in the midst of this tremendous monument to the healing of aches and pains of the body stands St. Paul's to minister to the spiritual needs of many who come only as visitors to pray for strength, to many young people who look to us for a Church centre program and Sunday by Sunday to minister to a dedicated congregation who have found friendship, fellowship and a channel for talents invested in the Master's task of bringing hope and salvation to a needy people.

May God give us wisdom and guidance as we stand on the threshold of St. Paul's TOMORROW. May the next sixty years be as varied and wonderful as have been the past.

(Signed) A. Grant Smith.

## SERVICE.

As we look through our records we find the story of eight people who have given their lives to the work of the Master.

The first young men to be recommended to the Presbytry for the Christian Ministry were Thomas Saunders and George Marshall, in June, 1930. They were followed by Miss Marion Johnson, now Mrs. Quong, living in China, in February, 1937. Our next applicant was Mr. Roy Wilson, September, 1942. He was followed by Mr. James Bray in October 1946 and finally Mr. Garth Nelson in 1949. All have since been ordained and are working in the Christian Ministry.

Mr. H. A. Griffin, for many years an active and sincere worker in our boys department left us in 1957 to become a Lay Minister in Shaunessy United Church.

Mr. Barry McCorquodale was also recommended, but after completing several years at University decided otherwise.

We also have another young man, Mr. Ted Wallace, who was member of our Sunday School and young people, who followed in the footsteps of the others, but instead of the United Church he chose the Anglican Faith and has been ordained into the work of the Church of England.

It is significant to note that the parents of all these young people were active members in our Church and their mothers were members of the Missionary Society. Marion's Grandmother, Mrs. McNaughton, was also one of the early members of our church.

I believe this record is something for St. Paul's to be proud of, having eight young people give themselves to the work of the Master in the last thirty years.

Two other young men who were baptized in St. Paul's and went to Sunday School are working in Africa as Missionaries for another Protestant Church; Mr. Graham Beggs, working in Umatali, Southern Rhodesia, and Mr. Clifford Beggs in Angola, Portugese East Africa.

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## OUR LADIES IN THE MANSE

It is said that every successful man has a good wife behind him - and the various manses of St. Paul's have been reigned over by a series of gracious hostesses.....complements to fine Christian homes.

Mrs. Stewart became the first hostess of the new manse on McDermot Avenue. Kindly and quiet in manner, she dedicated herself to the task of being the minister's wife and raising three little boys.

The exception to prove the rule was Mr. Thornton, who remained a bachelor. However, the manse had its chatelaine in the person of his tall and stately mother, who remained with him until her death in 1922.

The Pilkey family of four was already of school age when Mrs. Pilkey became the mistress of St. Paul's manse. Twice she played the role of "Mother of the Bride" at St. Paul's weddings. Peggy McLeod, with Betty Mae, Neil and Glen ended the McDermot Avenue era and moved to the new manse on Arlington.

Enid Smith, with her five girls, was hostess at a house-warming when in 1960 St. Paul's purchased a house at 762 Ingersoll Street and proudly moved the minister and his family to the new premises.

To these women, St. Paul's pays tribute for under their guidance the manse was always a home where the hand of friendship was extended and a warm welcome was waiting.

## THE SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY

The past few years have seen an increased awareness of, and concern for, the Christian Education work on the part of our congregation as a whole. This has been a heartening trend for the General Superintendent, Miss Eleanor Murray, and the many other dedicated leaders of the Sunday School. With the changing nature of the community surrounding St. Paul's Church - a more transient area, and a large number of homes unconcerned about the church - has come the need for a Sunday School staff with a true sense of mission. We are fortunate to be blessed with a goodly number of such people.

The tradition of monthly Sunday School staff meetings, started some years ago by Mrs. Roy Simpson (Mary Andrews) and in latter years functioning at a rather low ebb, has this year shown an increased interest and attendance at these gatherings. With the purchase of a new projector and increased emphasis on audio visual aids, St. Paul's continues to keep step with the times.

A newly formed Junior Choir from the Girls Departments has added greatly to the worship services of the Explorers and C. G. I. T. They have also assisted at church services from time to time and participated in outside functions.

Always there is a need for dedicated leadership, and it is to the church community that these young people look for guidance. In the past, the people of St. Paul's have met the challenge of both prosperity and distress, and again we look forward to confidently meeting the needs of our times.

## THE WOMENS MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The earliest report we have of the Womens Missionary Society in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, is 1908 with Mrs. Bearistow as President, with Miss Agnes Smith Secretary. Miss Christine Smith was the next President and Miss Agnes Smith was Mission Band Superintendent for many years. This was a flourishing group of children with many faithful leaders continuing until recent years.

At Church Union, Mrs. Dryborough was president, followed by Mrs. Hugh Wallace. Mrs. A. Chandler was secretary for over 30 years until the W. M. S. was incorporated with the Womens Association in 1959. Mrs. Moir being the last president.

All funds of this organization are raised by voluntary offerings. Associated members contributed through gift boxes. The program consisted of Bible and Mission study and was actively concerned with hospital and sick visiting. Knitting, sewing and quilting providing supplies for City missions and Indian Assistance.

The W. M. S. was remembered by a legacy from Miss Timlick making it possible to have a share in the building fund of the United Church Training School and the Dr. Merle Patterson Memorial Scholarship Fund for the training of native women Doctors in India.

An evening Auxiliary functioned from 1935 - 1946 under the leadership of Mrs. Sohlgren, Miss M. Andrews and Miss P. C. Baird, Mrs. W. Kime, Ste. 8 - Willis Apts. Winnipeg Ave. Wpg. 3.

## WOMENS ASSOCIATION - "W. A."

The womens association more commonly known as the "W. A.", was the first organization started in St. Paul's church in 1902, after the Session and Board of Managers had been appointed.

Who the first president was we are unable to say as we can find no record, but we do know that shortly after we moved to our present church Mrs. Matt Rodgers was elected as president. Although we do not remember the first officers we all of us remember Mrs. E. G. Smith as president, a position which she filled so capably well over



twenty years, at the same time teaching in the Sunday School and interested in every phase of the life and work of St. Paul's. To recall some more of the officers of the early days, Mrs. Thos. Corbett was treasurer, followed by Mrs. J. K. Smith, both of whom served for many years.

There were Circles too in those early days and the big money maker of the year was the Bazaar, which at that time lasted for two days. Mrs. Robert Rettie was Bazaar Convenor from 1929 to 1939.

When Mrs. Smith retired from office Mrs. W. R. Curry became president and she served for twelve years. Mrs. E. G. Palmer was secretary and Mrs. T. L. Dodsworth and Mrs. Easton were treasurers followed by Mrs. P. Wilson. These two long term presidents were followed by Mrs. Moir, Mrs. W. Wright, Mrs. R. Moxon, Mrs. A. Boomer. When the "W. A." and "W. M. S." amalgamated in 1960, to be known as the "Womens Federation of St. Paul's, Mrs. Richmond was elected President.

Many and varied have been the means by which the ladies raised money for church work over the years, but the most popular projects have been the Spring Tea and the Bazaar. The Bazaar in former years was always held for 2 days, with a concert on the final evening in the auditorium of the church, the program being put on by the Choir, the Young Peoples' Confederation or outside talent. It was quite usual for the ladies to raise two thousand dollars or more at these bazaars, even during the depression years. Two Hot meals were served each day, the previous two days were spent in the kitchen by the ladies, making steamed puddings and baking pies, and continuing their work the following days. Among the many ladies who were usually found there, were Mrs. Rettie, Mrs. Bie, Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Osborne, Mrs. Shute, Mrs. Palmer, Mrs. McPherson, Mrs. Morrison, Mrs. Brink, Mrs. Humphage and Mrs. Fawns, and many others whose names may not appear here but who will always be remembered by the ladies of the church for their untiring hours of service.

As we glance through the records we find that whenever the Board of Managers were in need of anything to carry on the work of the church in anyway they immediately contacted the ladies for assistance and were always sure of getting it. It was a custom for the ladies to always send the Board a cheque at Easter time for from three to five hundred dollars and at Christmas time another cheque for from one to two thousand dollars, depending of course on the state of their own finances.

Some of the projects that the ladies' assisted in during the past years was the purchase of the Pipe organ, then later on having it rebuilt and repaired, redecorating the church sanctuary, assisting in the cost of remodeling the choir loft, and paying for the choir gowns, tiling the Board Room and Bible Class Room, putting drapes on all the church windows, carpeting and tiling the church sanctuary, pulpit and choir loft. Taking care of all the expenses in connection with the church manse and its furnishings and this year they gave the Board a cheque for one thousand dollars to pay off the mortgage on the manse. These are some of the ways the ladies assist but let us not forget the hundred of luncheons and dinners which they have prepared and served over the period of sixty years.

I think it is only right to say that the "W. A." plays a big part in the work and finances of the church. It is impossible to name the many women who during the life of our church have been connected with the "W. A." and "W. F." suffice it to say to one and all thank you.

Mrs. A. Moir,  
742 Toronto Street, Winnipeg 3.

Mrs. C. Davis,  
#8-748 McDermot Ave., Winnipeg 3.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE STORY BEHIND THE BASEMENT RENOVATION.

In 1955, it was recognized that the basement was in a sad state of dis-repair. Lavatory and kitchen facilities were badly outmoded and the floors and walls, after almost fifty years of hard usage, were in poor condition in many places.

As our collection receipts in 1955 had dropped to \$10,006. and with many rumours of the hospital taking over our area, the Board of Stewards was hesitant to enter into any major expense.

The Women of the congregation started the renovation movement with a decision to renovate the kitchen. This forced a meeting of the Official Board to give consideration to renovation of the entire basement area.

A Renovation Committee was named to investigate the feasibility of this project. First the rumors of the hospital expropriating our property were checked with the hospital board and we were advised that they had no plans for our property in the near future. The committee next made a survey of our congregation in numbers and giving habits in

relation to other churches in similar areas to assess our financial possibilities. On the basis of these reports the Official Board called in the services of a fund-raising organization for an expert opinion. They estimated the giving potential of our congregation at that time was about \$72,000. over a three year period.

The committee, through an architect, reviewed the needs and ideas of the various organizations and drew up sketch plans and estimates. The original estimate based on these plans was \$20,700.

The Official Board gave tentative approval to the plans if pledges could be obtained from the congregation to cover this additional expenditure over operating expenses in three years, and engaged a fund-raising organization to direct implementation of a three year program.

The success of the renovation hinged on the enthusiasm of this visitation. In ten days, we men made 540 calls and received pledges totalling over \$75,000. With these pledges, we were able to negotiate a loan of \$20,000. at a low interest rate through the extension board of the United Church of Canada and the committee was given authority to proceed with final plans. It appeared to be clear sailing from this point, ---it wasn't!

Architect's final estimate was \$22,650. Tenders closed June 14, 1956. The lowest received was \$31,850! Several deletions were made on the specifications and tenders called again. The contract was awarded on September 14, 1956 at a price of \$28,444. plus an architect's fee of \$1,980. Work was started almost immediately, and every week seemed to bring additional expenses.

Heating lines and rain water leads which were thought to have been renewed previously were badly eroded and had to be replaced.

Additional expense was encountered in electrical work.

It was found possible during demolition to eliminate the centre posts in the Fellowship Hall by the installation of four steel beams at a cost of \$3,000. Owing to the steel strike it was necessary to bring in steel from the U. S. A. or face additional expense due to delay.

The final cost of the renovation was about \$35,000 including the cost of paint. The painting was done by the men of the congregation.

In order to finance these additional expenses, we were obliged to obtain a short term bank loan on collateral provided by several members of the congregation.

In the light of the fact that it took almost forty years to pay off the mortgage on the church building proper, the payment of the renovation costs of \$35,000. in three years was a significant achievement in the history of St. Paul's.

Today it is difficult to recall the layout of our old basement and its former condition, and perhaps many take our present facilities for granted, but it took a tremendous amount of time and dedicated effort by many people to make it possible.

To the members of the Renovating Committee, composed of the following people, must be given a great deal of credit for the completion of the renovation. Des. St. Lawrence, who drew up the plans, Joe Leighton, Frank Cox, Bill Clarke, and Glen Nightingale, who were the men on the committee, but let us not forget the ladies on this committee, who also did their part in bringing to completion the complete renovation of the basement. These were Mrs. W. Fawns, Mrs. S. Easton, Mrs. Mary Greig, Miss Judy Hay.

At this time we might also mention that we were also indebted to the Furnishings Committee, headed by Mr. Fred Otto, who looked after securing the furniture for the Lounge, and to Mrs. Fred Otto and Mrs. Dave Fulton who made the drapes for all the windows in the basement. Mr. Andy Boomer must not be forgotten either as he was responsible for seeing that all the windows were fitted with the right kind of tracks and also that the Tracks and Curtains in the Fellowship Hall were all in order.

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## THE CHOIR

In checking the records of St. Paul's church we find that as soon as the Session and Board of Managers had been appointed, the next order of the day was to get the "W. A." and choir started. As early as 1902 we find the choir taking an active part in church worship. Since that time St. Paul's has been blessed with many capable choir leaders, organists and soloists and their work and effort have helped greatly in bringing spiritual uplift to the church services.

I think the first Choir leader we had in St. Paul's was a Mr. Muir, who was followed by many more wonderful men among whom were Mr. Hector Sutherland, Mr. Leonard Heaton, Mr. Dan, Mr. Griffith, and others who I am sure are well remembered by other members of the congregation. When the New Pipe Organ was installed, Mr. Heaton took over as organist and choir leader and from then the Organ music has been a wonderful asset in our Sunday services. During the life of St. Paul's in the solo section of the choir such names as Miss K. Broatch, Madame McAdam-Murray, Edith Lever-Hawes, Mrs. Lemoine Fitzgerald, Ethel Easton, Olga Irwin, Mrs. Murray Stephens, Mrs. Dallas, Alethea Parsons, Messrs. W. A. Clark, Hector Sutherland, Peter Logan, Pat Logan, Joe Leighton, Jim Duncan, George and Jerry Robson, and Orval Derraugh, are only a few of the many people who have worked so faithfully in our choir during the past years.

1938 - 1961 - Muriel (Tollick) Leighton.

My earliest memory of St. Paul's is of attending service with my mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. H. Tollick. To one so small the sanctuary looked enormous from the back gallery.

In 1938 when I joined the choir at the invitation of Mrs. Wm. Curry the size of the building, seen from a different angle, seemed to have dwindled somewhat. Be that as it may, the years' from 1938 - 43 were happy ones, spent being a small cog in the contralto section of a very harmonious group under the leadership of Mr. Peter Logan, with Jim Saunders, and later Miss Helen Young, at the organ.

When Miss Young left us to go to King Memorial United as Organist, Mr. Logan called at our home to suggest that I should take the position of organist. With many misgivings I agreed and then began for me a most rewarding seven years.

It was a great loss to us all when Mr. Logan passed away and we felt that St. Paul's would never be the same. It wasn't!

But it was an equally rewarding era under the direction of our new leader, Mrs. Alethea Parsons.

After Easter, 1950, I found myself unable to continue as organist and reluctantly turned our cranky, old organ over to Mrs. Edith Henderson. Somewhere in here the "beastie" was completely rebuilt - now all the keys would respond to pressure:

When Mrs. Parsons became contralto soloist at St. Andrew's Oak Street, Mr. Bob Bolander replaced her. He in turn, was followed by Miss Betty Hughes who remained with us until her marriage to Eugene Doroschuk and their removal to the west coast.

Then Mr. Glen Harrison took over, and until his wife Margaret was available, I moved from the contralto section back to the organ bench. Now came a highlight in our history. Under Mr. Harrison's direction the ladies' choir twice won the Tweedsmuir Trophy, top choral award in Manitoba Festival, as well as other trophies. At this time, too, we undertook several very successful radio broadcasts under the name of "The Arcady Singers."

We seemed to spend a fair amount of time saying goodbye to leaders and organists. Mr. Harrison left to take over the choir at Westminster United, taking Mrs. Harrison with him. She is now organist at Oxford United.

Following Mr. Harrison we had a parade of choir leaders and organists who, for reasons of business or health, moved on rather quickly. In this period were Mr. Peter Lewis, Mr. Don Ross, Mr. Ted Forrest (now teaching in Brandon), Mr. John Waudby and latterly Mr. Jim McQuestin.

In my twenty-three years of association with St. Paul's choir there have been many humorous incidents, like the Sunday Morning that the Cat joined Dr. Pilkey and sat down calmly on the pulpit to give its full attention to the sermon; or the trouble we used to have with pigeons and open windows. There have been sad times too, like the untimely passing of Margaret White. But the happy memories far outweigh the sad one.

Now, at least temporarily, I am back where I started in September, 1943 - on the organ bench - with this difference; the posts of organist and choir director have been combined!

Muriel.



## MILESTONES

### 1897 - 1901

#### HIGHLIGHTS:

February, 1897 - BEVERLEY STREET MISSION (OLD ST. GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH) WAS ESTABLISHED BY REV. S. POLSON. BY NOVEMBER OF THAT YEAR, THE MISSION WAS BEING SUPPLIED BY PRESBYTERIAN THEOLOGICAL STUDENTS.

September, 1901 - THE BEVERLEY STREET MISSION WAS MOVED TO THE CORNER OF NENA STREET (SHERBROOK) AND NOTRE DAME AVENUE. AN INTERIM SESSION, APPOINTED BY PRESBYTERY, COMPRISED DR. PATRICK, DR. BRYCE, MESSRS. J. B. MITCHELL AND K. J. JOHNSON.

November, 1901 - ST. PAUL'S CHURCH ESTABLISHED WITH REV. CHAS. H. STEWART AS MINISTER AND MR. H. W. WATSON AS SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT.

### 1902 - 1911

#### Summary:

Between 1902 and 1907, membership in the Young church increased from 13 to 336. The church has been enlarged and a new organ installed at an expense of \$400.00 - paid for in part by a trade-in allowance of \$100 for the old one. The first choir leader and organist provided their services without salary, although the sum of \$100 was granted for general choir expenses. When, however, it became necessary to advertise for a new choir leader-organist in 1903, a salary of \$150.00 per year was offered.

The building of the manse on McDermot Avenue in 1905 was followed immediately by an application to erect a new church at the corner of Pearl Street and Notre Dame Avenue. Before the end of 1907, the new church had been dedicated and membership in all departments was burgeoning. The session found it difficult to maintain an adequate programme of visitation and also found it difficult to keep close contact with the various church organizations. To meet this latter problem, committees of "overseers" were elected to contact and report on specific groups at regular intervals. A student minister, Rev. Samuel Chambers, was appointed to cope with the programme of visitation and also to supervise the Young People's and Sunday School activities.

Before the end of the decade, members of St. Paul's were showing an active interest in community problems. In 1909, a petition bearing their signatures was aimed at banning the bars. They also supported the Moral and Social Reform Committee in its efforts to place a candidate in the mayoralty competition who would pledge himself to "end the segregation of social vice questions." A Session Fund was set up for the purpose of aiding the needy who applied to the church for help.

By the end of 1911, membership had grown to nearly 600, organizations were vigorous and the future looked bright.

### 1902 - 1911

#### HIGHLIGHTS:

Jan. 1902	-	First Communion conducted by Dr. Patrick.
Nov. 1902	-	Ordination and induction of Chas. H. Stewart.
Nov. 1902	-	Application to the Church and Manse Board for a grant of \$1,000.00

March 1903	-	Election of first Session - Rev. C. H. Stewart, (Moderator), Dr. Patrick, J. D. Johnson, William Craig, J. Williams, Wm. Shaw, C. W. Laidlaw, (Clerk of Session.)
March 1903	-	First Board of Managers - 9 members.
October 1904	-	Church enlarged and a Karen Organ purchased.
April, 1905	-	Communion Service and Baptismal Bowl presented by James Boles, Frank Scott, James Healey, H. F. Craig, P. K. Ross, Andrew Broatch, Rev. C. H. Stewart, Dr. Patrick and William Mowatt.
1905	-	Purchase of site for manse at 688 McDermot Avenue.
July 1905	-	Application to move to a new site at Pearl Street and Notre Dame Ave.,
October 1907	-	Corner Stone laid for the new church.
December 1907	-	Dedication of the present church building.
January 1909	-	First purging of the Roll - 487 active members on the roll after 115 names removed.
May 1909	-	Session Benevolent Fund Established.
Sept. 1909	-	Sunday School Superintendent, Mr. H. W. Watson resigned and Mr. R. H. Pickering appointed.
Sept 1910	-	A set of individual aluminum communion cups selected to replace the common communion cup at a cost of \$92.55.
Oct 1911	-	Rev. Samuel Chambers appointed student minister.
1911	-	Dr. Patrick, founder of St. Paul's church, dies.

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## 1912 - 1921

### Summary:

The bright future that had been heralded on the tenth Anniversary of St. Paul's was delayed by several obstacles in the decade that followed: A world-wide four-year war, the failure of the Home Bank, some divergent attitudes towards the proposed Church Union, a severe break-down suffered by the moderator, Mr. Thornton, as a result of over-work, and a flu epidemic that stopped all unnecessary gatherings in the latter part of 1918 and early 1919.

A growing membership, however, which had reached 1,000 by 1918, carried forward the work of the church. The rapidly expanding Sunday School included a Chinese class which was to continue for fifteen years. In order to accommodate the 600 - odd children who congregated at the church on Sunday afternoons, senior and junior students were separated and met in the auditorium and basement respectively. A senior Bible Class was flourishing under Mr. Fullerton and the Christian Endeavor members erected a bill board to publicize the prohibition campaign.

Mr. Sutherland, who had been choir master since 1902, resigned in 1914 and his resignation was sincerely regretted by the membership at large. There followed a period of stringent economy for the choir as for all organizations at this time, although it was recognized that economy should not be practiced at the expense of those whose livelihood depended upon their church salary. It is interesting to note that members of the session in 1915 found it necessary to censure the choir for practicing non-sacred songs on the Sabbath and also protested against the nature of the songs and readings which were being presented at the receptions for new members. In February of 1916, Mr. Leonard Heaton became organist and choir master at St. Paul's. In 1918, choir gowns were approved because it was felt that they would add to the dignity and general appearance of the service.

The basement of the church acquired a military air in 1915, when it was requested for training by a militia unit. On Sundays, the Eastern section of the main auditorium was allotted to the men of an artillery unit stationed nearby. The newly formed Kitchener Society was organized to help meet the needs of soldiers and their families and prisoners of war. The Young Ladies Club produced a journal intended to inform the boys of the church of events at home.

By the end of the war, many changes had taken place. Rev. Stewart had left to take up a charge in New Jersey and Rev. Bruce Thornton was called to take his place. Mr. Chambers followed Rev. Stewart to New Jersey and Mr. Andrew Roddan was appointed the new student assistant. Before Mr. Roddan left, two years later, he presented the church with an Honor Roll, prepared by himself, inscribed with the names of St. Paul's enlisted men. Something new was added by the W. M. S., when they brought in Miss Robertson as Deaconess.

A major undertaking at the end of the war was the participation by St. Paul's in the Forward Movement. In 1919, this meant an inter-church survey in which more than 70 St. Paul's visitors took part. Several hundred names were added to the fellowship as a result of the survey, and the \$8,550 allotted as St. Paul's quota for the programme was willingly paid. In the following year, 1920, the Movement had for its theme the spiritual ideal of forging closer links between its theme the spiritual ideal and finer relations between the church and home life. It was in this regard that Dr. Johnson was asked to conduct a special mission. The intense preparation that preceded the Mission in April, 1921, was well rewarded.

#### HIGHLIGHTS:

May	1912	-	First Missionary Treasurer appointed.
Sept.	1912	-	First Chinese Class started in Sunday School.
Mar.	1913	-	Rev. C. H. Stewart announces call to Newark, N. J.
Dec.	1913	-	Induction of Rev. P. Bruce Thornton.
Jan.	1914	-	Duplex envelopes adopted.
Feb.	1914	-	Mr. Chambers resigns to join Rev. C. H. Stewart.
Mar.	1914	-	Mr. Andrew Roddan appointed as student assistant.
Nov & Dec.	1915	-	Congregation votes in favour of Church Union, 440 to 67.
April	1916	-	Mr. Roddan Resigns.
1917		-	Sunday school population reached 600, a defective vestry bell is blamed for sermons not starting on time. Failure to meet Presbytery Budget. Mr. Noble resigns and leaves for Alberta.
Oct.	1918	-	Choir gowns introduced. Need to conserve fuel met by restricting meetings to three nights per week. The W. M. S. and Ladies Aid assist in the visitation program.  A Night Letter sent to the Premier urging him to take a firm stand on prohibition.
Mar.	1919	-	Mr. C. W. Laidlaw resigns after 17 years of service as Clerk of Session. Mr. George C. Boyd elected.
Sept.	1919	-	Mr. R. H. Pickering resigns as Sunday school superintendent. Mr. Matthew Rodgers appointed.
Nov.	1919	-	Memorial Tablet unveiled by Dr. John Pringle, moderator of the general assembly. Mrs. Ross granted permission to hang plaque in honor of her husband, Captain George Ross.
Oct.	1919	-	First inter-church survey, and commencement of Forward Movement.
Feb.	1920	-	Mr. Thornton suffers 3 months illness.
June	1920	-	Miss Robertson appointed Deaconess and Secretary.



September,	1928	-	Polio epidemic delays Sunday school opening.
April,	1930	-	Rev. N. B. McLennaghan resigns.
June,	1930	-	Dr. Thornton resigns.
December,	1930	-	Induction of Rev. P. T. Pilkey, M. A.
May,	1931	-	Mr. Matthew Rodgers resigns as Sunday School superintendent; succeeded by Mr. Alex Sinclair.
November,	1931	-	New United Church Hymnary introduced.
		-	Oak case for old communion set presented by Mr. Wishart.

### 1932 - 1941

#### SUMMARY:

During the "Dirty Thirties", St. Paul's shared in the problems, both financial and personal, brought about by a world-wide depression and, for the prairies, years of drought. A waning church attendance was attributed to unemployment, a changing district, lack of fellowship within the church and the popularity of radio. Contributions for the Presbytery and Conference Fund and the Religious Education Committee Fund were neglected for so long that later, in more prosperous times, the very procedure for paying the allotment had been forgotten. The Missionary and Maintenance Fund dropped steadily, month by month and year by year, until it hit a low in 1938 of \$950.00. In 1934, St. Paul's suffered an additional blow when the Minister, Rev. Peter Pilkey, became suddenly ill and required six months' rest.

At the same time, requests for relief and assistance came from ever increasing sources - the National Relief Committee wanted clothes for people in the dried out areas; 250 ministers in Saskatchewan were in desperate circumstances; Christmas hampers were distributed to 108 families in one year.

And while church attendance dropped alarmingly, the Sunday School population continued to soar, reaching 760 in 1934 and 899 by 1938. In 1937, St. Paul's again won the Baird Shield for highest attendance at the New Year's rally. While many devoted leaders were found to provide direction for this small army, the obvious problems of discipline, serious lack of teachers, and teachers who were too young to give the necessary spiritual guidance, were distressing.

In province-wide competitions, Gordon Pilkey, Nora Watters and Jean Gallagher each won awards in their respective classes in examinations on temperance. A memory-work programme was instituted in 1941 to stimulate greater interest in Bible Study. The Boys Brigade programme was investigated in 1938 and found to be an entirely religious group, under the control of the church. In 1941, the Explorers Boys programme was changed to Life Boys.

Under Mr. Pilkey's leadership, the Y. P. U. reached a peak membership of 260, with more than 180 attending regularly the Sunday afternoon Bible Study session. Their keen interest in the discussion periods were matched by their enthusiastic participation in the annual reviews - talented performances which attracted wide attention in the Concert Hall of the Auditorium, the Playhouse Theatre and the Dominion Theatre.

Two St. Paul's men were ordained during this period - George Marshall and Tom Saunders. One of the young ladies of the church, Miss Marion Johnson, also made history by appearing before the session as a candidate for the ministry.

Under Mr. Peter Logan, the choir was progressing happily. Mrs. Helen Dallas and Mrs. Margaret Stephens were two of the soloists of this period who took leading parts in church activities. At the organ, they were accompanied by Jim Saunders and Helen Young.

Before the end of this period, World War II was taking many of our young men and women into the services and demanding the time and efforts of those at home. In 1939, a War Service Unit was organized with Mrs. Watters and Mrs. McKelvie in charge. Appeals to help evacuee children were heeded and requests to support the War Certificate and Victory Loan Drives were answered. As the by-now-battered hymnaries carried no hymns for war-time, a supplementary hymnary was prepared.

Some of the problems besetting the congregation at this time could be - and were - dealt with. When complaints were made about the loud conversations in the vestibule that competed with the minister's sermon, the elders responsible were urged to talk less and in more subdued tones. Another directive, issued to the caretaker, Mr. Marshall, required him "to eliminate irritating noises during sermons."

Mar.	1921	-	Special Mission by Dr. Robert Johnson.
Oct.	1921	-	Mr. J. Glass appointed Clerk of Session.
Nov.	1921	-	Honour Roll unveiled by Dr. John Mackay. St. Paul's congregation sends \$350. for relief of famine in China.

## 1922 - 1931

### SUMMARY:

The question of Church Union was dominant in the principle ten years earlier, the session found it difficult in the years immediately preceding union to provide the necessary information and leadership without provoking dissention. The Church Roll was carefully scrutinized, brought up to date, and in June of 1925 a standing vote was taken in the church. Following the union of the Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational denominations, many members and adherents withdrew from St. Paul's and chose to continue as Presbyterians.

Groups within the church, however, remained active. In the fall of 1922, the Ladies' Aid renovated and provided new lighting for the church auditorium. Prayer meetings, which for some time had lacked support, were changed to include a speaker and discussion session and the change was a popular one. The Sunday School remained more than 600 strong, and the Young People's group was attracting up to 80 members to its meetings. It was in 1930 that the Sunday School first won the Dr. Baird Shield for top attendance at the New Year's Rally. The Chinese Class, however, ended its 15 year association with St. Paul's.

A request by the Ladies' Aid at this time to put on a play entitled "Mary Kelly's Quilting Party" was met with disapproval by the session. In 1924, it was not yet deemed proper to perform a play in the church. Attempts were also made to discourage skating during church and Sunday School hours on the adjacent rink.

The choir was having problems during most of this period. At various times, critics of the music committee threatened to dissolve the committee, music programmes were blamed for emptying the church, and in 1930 the Christmas and Easter programmes were termed "a fiasco". By the end of 1931, however, new leadership and the introduction of the new United Church Hymnaries promised changes in both choir and congregational singing.

Requests for aid from many quarters were received - and met - by the congregation. Contributions were made towards the Russian and Armenian Relief funds. Clothing and money were sent to Nova Scotia, and, closer to home, a Goodwill Committee was organized to aid members of the church community.

In July, 1926, after six years of service, Miss Robertson resigned as Deaconess. Rev. N. B. McLennaghan was appointed Assistant Minister in May, 1928, and resigned two years later. In March, 1930, Rev. Bruce Thornton was granted the title "Doctor of Divinity" and resigned later the same year. In December of 1930, Rev. P. T. Pilkey took over the ministry.

### HIGHLIGHTS:

September,	1922	-	Church auditorium renovated by Ladies Aid.
December,	1923	-	Following an every-member canvass, \$2,000. was contributed at the Anniversary service.
January,	1924	-	Mr. Thornton granted 6 weeks leave of absence prior to his vacation to attend a Sunday School Convention in Scotland.
May,	1925	-	Mr. J. Glass resigns as Clerk of Session. Mr. George A. MacKay elected.
June,	1925	-	Congregational vote concurs in Church Union.
July,	1926	-	Miss Robertson resigns as deaconess.
May,	1928	-	Rev. N. B. McLennaghan appointed Assistant Minister.

## HIGHLIGHTS:

February,	1932	-	Junior Congregation started with fifty in attendance.
November,	1932	-	The 25th Anniversary was celebrated with 40 past members of the choir participating under the direction of Mr. Sutherland.
February,	1933	-	Mr. A. Fullarton resigns as member of the Session and Treasurer of the Sunday school after 20 years of service.
April,	1934	-	Rev. P. T. Pilkey taken suddenly seriously ill necessitating a six months leave of absence.
April,	1935	-	Sunday School enrolment reaches 810 with average attendance of 90% for the pupils and about 98% for the teachers.
February,	1937	-	Miss Marion Johnson appears before Session and is recommended as a candidate for the ministry.
June,	1937	-	George Marshall and Thomas Saunders ordained as United Church ministers.
June,	1938	-	Formation of the Boys Brigade recommended under the leadership of Mr. W. McGregor and Mr. H. Griffin.
September,	1938	-	Mr. Sinclair resigns as Superintendent of Sunday school. Mr. Hugh Wallace appointed to succeed him.
November,	1939	-	Organization of War Service Unit. Mrs. Watters, President, Mrs. E. McKelvie, Secretary.
November,	1939	-	Mr. Alex Sinclair resigns from church Session prior to leaving the city.
November,	1941	-	Mr. A. Findlay resigns as clerk of Session. Mr. C. F. Thompson appointed to replace him.

## 1942 - 1951

### SUMMARY:

During the early part of the fifth decade, the demands of a world at war continued to dominate the thoughts, efforts and time of the people of St. Paul's. In the church services, Hymns of Intercession were introduced. Letters were sent regularly to the men and women of the congregation who had joined the Services. Funds were low, and it again became necessary to restrict meetings in an attempt to conserve fuel. In the choir, a paid soloist was a luxury which could no longer be justified and Mrs. Stephens was reluctantly released.

However, the days of anxiety and waiting ended, and with the return of well remembered faces, their wives, husbands and neighbors, came a desire to build anew. Top priority went to the paying of the mortgage which, in the nearly 40 years since the church had been built, had cost the congregation in interest more than twice the original \$69,000. This gigantic task was completed in April of 1946, and who can pay adequate tribute to the men and women who set the match to that yellowed piece of paper?

Three months after the burning of the mortgage, Mr. Pilkey, now a Doctor of Divinity, retired from the ministry. Since the beginning of the '40's, he had had the satisfaction of recommending two more candidates for the ministry - Roy Wilson and Barry McCorquodale. He had also mourned, together with the rest of the congregation, the passing of such beloved personalities as Andrew Moir and Peter Logan.

Reverend Stan McLeod, who had recently been discharged from the R.C.A.F. and was already working with the Young People's of St. Paul's, became the new minister. One of his first acts was to recommend Jim Bray as a candidate for the ministry. Soon After, the old manse was sold and Mr. McLeod moved his family to a new manse on Arlington. At the same time, in the church, he was an interested observer as the furnace and boiler were completely over-



hauled. Above all, a post-war congregation was to seek and to find in his faith and personality the direction it needed for unsettled times.

## 1942 - 1951 (cont'd)

### HIGHLIGHTS:

September,	1942	-	Roy F. Wilson recommended as candidate for the ministry.
December,	1942	-	Baby Clinic started in the basement of the church for the West district.
September,	1943	-	Rev. Marion Johnson-Quong preaches at both services.
May,	1944	-	Death of Mr. Peter Logan, choirmaster for many years and worker among the young people. Mrs. Alethea Parsons filled in for the emergency and remained for eight years.
May,	1944	-	Degree of Dr. of Divinity conferred on Rev. P. T. Pilkey at Queen's University at Kingston, Ont.
June,	1944	-	Mr. Hugh Wallace resigns as General superintendent of the Sunday school. Miss Mary Andrews appointed his successor.
March,	1945	-	Plans for liquidation of the church mortgage presented to the congregation.
March,	1946	-	Special church service in connection with "V. E. Days."
April,	1946	-	Burning of the Mortgages on St. Paul's church.
April,	1946	-	Christian Education Committee arranged for Rev. R. S. McLeod to lead the Young People in all their activities.
June,	1946	-	Barry McCorquodale recommended to the Winnipeg Presbytery as a candidate for the ministry of the United Church.
June,	1946	-	Dr. P. T. Pilkey resigns.
October,	1946	-	Rev. R. S. McLeod inducted.
October,	1946	-	Jim Bray recommended as a candidate for the ministry.
January,	1948	-	Mr. Chester F. Thompson resigns as Clerk of the Session and Treasurer of the Sunday school.
April,	1948	-	Dedication of Communion Table and Chairs in memory of the young men of St. Paul's who died in World War 11.
October,	1948	-	Sale of old manse at 688 McDermot Ave., and purchase of new manse at 796 Arlington Street.
June,	1949	-	Roy F. Wilson ordained as a United Church Minister.
October,	1950	-	First meeting of A. O. T. S. Men's Club.
June,	1951	-	Mrs. Mary (Andrews) Simpson resigns as Sunday school superintendent.
December,	1951	-	Golden Anniversary Services.

SUMMARY:

The long neglected physical needs of the church continued to demand attention throughout the major part of the present decade. In the fall of 1952, church services were accompanied by music of the piano while the organ was completely repaired and overhauled. In the following year, the symphony of rain drops striking metal pails was stopped by repairs to the roof. In 1956, when Rev. A. Grant Smith succeeded Dr. S. R. McLeod, the long dreamed of plan to renovate completely the basement of the church began to take shape and assume reality. It was shortly after the change in pastorate that tentative architectural plans were drawn up, committees appointed and costs estimated. Many months and alterations later, final plans for the renovation were completed and the congregation undertook a campaign to raise \$80,000. One year later, in December of 1957, Dr. McLeod returned to dedicate the new basement. It is here that we should pay tribute to the very fine leadership provided by such persons as Joe Leighton, Des. St. Lawrence, Mary Greig, Andrew Boomer, Chrissie Davis, George Jackson and many, many others.

During the next three years, the congregation not only met the heavy costs of renovation, but added a great number of extra facilities. Missionary givings doubled. Results were not in material gifts alone, but in the influx of new members into every board of the church.

The slap of paint brushes, the laying of carpets, the dedication of flags and the knocks of friendly visitors were all accompanied by an inspiring chorus. Glen Harrison and his wife Margaret were leading the choir to unexpected triumphs in the Musical Festival as well as providing stimulating support for the church services.

The Young People's study group started by Dr. McLeod became, in 1955, a Young Couple's Club. At the same time, a junior Y. P. group of Hi C's was organized. Under Mr. Smith, whose leadership and concern were relaxed only during his prolonged and serious illness, this group grew in numbers and in responsibility until it now takes its place in Presbytery, runs summer week-end camps, and through the annual Chuckwagon Dinner, has been able to give assistance to many other groups in the church. One of their fine contributions has been in religious drama.

On this eve of our 60th Anniversary, one of the largest groups of "friendly visitor" has congregated to strengthen the spiritual bonds and financial basis of our church. It is with confidence and hope that, with God's help, we will play an increasingly vital part in our community. We think particularly of the youth in our midst, the older folk who enrich our fellowship, the history-making organization of United Church Women, and the new part we have been called upon to play in the spiritual life of the hospital community. The St. Paul's community is changing, but with trust in God's guidance, the boards and congregation alike will meet the challenge of this change with outreach, wisdom and love.

HIGHLIGHTS.

February,	1952	-	Nursery department started under the supervision of and leadership of Mrs. Mary Simpson.
October,	1952	-	Honor Roll of Epworth United Church hung in St. Paul's United Church, Epworth having recently been closed.
October,	1952	-	Organ repairs and overhaul completed and organ rededicated for church use, followed by an organ recital by Mr. Alan Borbridge.
June,	1953	-	James Bray ordained as United Church Minister, preaching his first sermon in his home church.
June,	1953	-	Repairs to church roof completed at a cost of \$1,376.00
April,	1954	-	Garth Nelson ordained as a United Church Minister, preached his first sermon after ordination in St. Paul's church, on June 20th.
June,	1954	-	Mrs. Mary Greig appointed General Superintendent of the Sunday School. Replacing Rev. R. S. McLeod, who had been in charge since resignation of Mrs. Mary Simpson, three years earlier.

September,	1954	-	New Bulletin board placed at the front of the church. Renovation of church basement discussed.
May,	1955	-	Rev. R. S. McLeod resigns to accept call to Wesley United Church, Fort William.
July,	1955	-	Rev. A. Grant Smith inducted.
October,	1955	-	Mrs. Bill Clark appointed as part-time secretary.
January,	1956	-	Congregational dinner. Annual reports from all departments of the church compiled into a printed booklet.
January,	1956	-	Official Board Meeting held to approve plans for renovation of the church basement at a cost of \$20,700.00
February,	1956	-	Motion passed confirming a 5 year term for Elders appointed to the Session.
February,	1956	-	Wells Organization employed to assist in raising the funds necessary to renovate the church basement and carry on church expenses.
March,	1956	-	Special meeting called re: loan of \$1,500. from the Home Mission Board to meet current expenses.
April,	1956	-	Green, Blankstein & Russell, Architects, engaged for the basement renovation, based on plans drawn up by Des. St. Lawrence.
May,	1956	-	Health Clinic in church basement discontinued. Loan of \$20,000. from Extension Committee of the United Presbytery granted.
June,	1956	-	Mrs. Mary Greig resigns as Sunday school superintendent. Mr. Harry Griffin appointed, Assistant - Mr. Wm. Clark.
July,	1956	-	Mr. Roy Wilson resigns as Roll Clerk on the Session after 14 years.
September,	1956	-	Mr. R. L. Dodsworth resigns as chairman of the Board of Stewards after a term of nearly 20 years.
September,	1956	-	Mrs. P. Hanvey engaged as regular part time secretary.
December,	1956	-	Mr. Chester Thompson, long time elder and treasurer of Sunday School dies.
June,	1957	-	Mr. Griffin retires as general superintendent of Sunday school to become lay preacher at Shaunessy United church. Mr. Wm. Clark appointed Sunday School superintendent.
December,	1957	-	Renovated basement dedicated by Rev. R. S. McLeod, following anniversary dinner.
January,	1958	-	Every member canvas conducted by church members without assistance from Wells Organization.
April,	1958	-	Public Address system installed in the church. "W. A." helped choir to purchase new gowns.
June,	1958	-	New fence erected by church members work party on the west side of the church.
June,	1958	-	Mr. Clark resigns as Sunday School superintendent.
October,	1958	-	Mrs. Eleanor Murray appointed Sunday School superintendent.



November,	1958	-	Special services held commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the Boy's Brigade.
December,	1958	-	New Revised version of the Bible presented to the church by the W. A. on Anniversary Sunday.
January,	1959	-	Death of the Rev. George Marshall.
February,	1959	-	Mr. George Jackson retires as Secretary of the Board of Stewards after 25 years service.
June,	1959	-	Church decides to enter "Sector."
July,	1959	-	Old manse at 796 Arlington sold. New manse purchased at 762 Ingersoll St.
September,	1959	-	Renovation of Church Sanctuary by Women's Federation New carpet was put on the chancel, pulpit and choir loft and church aisles tiled.
October,	1959	-	New Pulpit Cloth and Communion Table Drape presented by the ladies of the "W. F."
November,	1959	-	Flags presented for 1914-18 Honour Roll by the C. G. I. T. and for the 1939-45 Honour Roll by Mrs. Michael.
January,	1960	-	Presentation of pictures of former ministers of St. Paul's church by the A. O. T. S.
April,	1960	-	Sunday school room tiled by the ladies of the "W. F."
May,	1960	-	Baptismal Font dedicated. Presented by Mr. & Mrs. Rettie and family.
May,	1960	-	Mr. Smith hospitalized through illness.
August,	1960	-	Mr. T. L. Dodsworth dies after forty full years of service.
September,	1960	-	Mr. Smith restored to health and welcomed back to his church work.
February,	1961	-	W. F. donated \$1,000. towards payment of manse mortgage.
September,	1961	-	Manse loan cleared and mortgage payed off.
October,	1961	-	New Bulletin Board erected at front of church, new railing placed on west steps.
November,	1961	-	Largest number of visitors yet to participate in the Sector Plan visitation pledged their loyalty to the continued growth of their church.
December,	1961	-	Diamond Jubilee Celebration, Rev. R. S. McLeod, speaker at both services.
		-	Anniversary Dinner and get together for all members and friends, past and present.
December,	1961	-	Compilation of this Anniversary Book with thanks to Mrs. Chris Davis and Miss Judy Hay.

## MEMORIES.

It is said that life is made up of memories and that as you grow older, the memories of the many pleasant things that happened when you were younger bring back thoughts of pleasant hours spent with friends in places that you never really forget. From time to time in all walks of life you will meet friends, you thought long lost and once again you live in the happy memories of the past.

To many people who may glance through this book, in which we have tried to record the happenings of St. Paul's church during the past 60 years, memories of time, place and friends will instantly flash back on the canvas of memory lane.

Let us think first of the Church that has meant so much to so many during the past years. It's influence and members have drifted to far off places and it is indeed with a feeling of pride that you say, I belonged to St. Paul's United Church or Sunday School, at an earlier date.

Travel as far as you like around the world, even to darkest Africa and China, not to mention the United Kingdom, the United States and anywhere within the boundaries of our own fair Dominion and you will find fold who once met and worshipped with us at St. Paul's. No matter where you meet these folk their first question generally is - "How's St. Paul's?" "My what good times we had, you can see the training I got there is being put to good use in the church I now attend." To anyone who has worked in the various departments of the church it is indeed gratifying to hear these remarks.

St. Paul's has indeed been double blessed, first, in the men and their families, who have been our Ministers and Councillors in the past years, and also in our present Minister who is never too busy to help in any way he can. Secondly in the many wonderful men and women who have given of their best in all the various departments and organizations, ever since our church was dedicated as a Christian place of worship.

I am sure if we could trace the activities of the people who first worked in our church along with the Rev. Charles Stewart and Dr. Patrick, there would be many who, until recent years, still worked in the church. Some of the very earliest folk who were connected with the first church at Nena Street and later with our present edifice were Mr. & Mrs. Broatch and family; Miss Katie Broatch was our contralto soloist for many years, and later married Rev. Cecil Best; Mr. and Mrs. John Easton and family, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Laidlaw and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Moir and family, Mr. and Mrs. Williams and family and many more; later on we had Mr. and Mrs. Knox, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Rodgers, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. T. Corbett, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Smith, Miss Agnes and Christie Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Hector McKenzie, Mr. and Mrs. John Noble, Mr. and Mrs. John Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Moir and family, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Thompson and family, Mrs. E. G. Smith and family, Mr. and Mrs. McLean, Mr. and Mrs. Henry, Mr. and Mrs. W. Woods, Mr. and Mrs. Glass, and many, many more who have contributed to the spiritual growth of our church, and who are well remembered in the hearts and minds of those still carrying on the work. It is with great regret that we find ourselves unable to mention them all.

If we go back through our records we will find that at one time St. Paul's was known as the church that had the largest Young Peoples' Confederation in Canada, the Sunday School whose attendance topped 1,200 pupils, and the largest C. G. I. T. organization in the City of Winnipeg. Who were the people who made this possible, the Leaders and men and women who had dedicated their lives to the work of the children and young people.

Sometimes I think that if the pews in the back of the gallery could talk they would tell of many young romances that started while young men and women were attending evening services, because it surely was a common sight to see young couples going off in twos and fours or even larger groups as they wended their way homeward.

One of our earliest Young Peoples organizations was known as Christian Endeavor. This met after church on Sunday evenings under the leadership of the Minister, Assistant Minister and President and many questions of the day were discussed and applied to our Christian teachings. They also had a mid-week meeting where after the business meeting, social activities were the order of the day. It was from this group that many of our young men, whose names are inscribed on the Honour Roll of the Church, went forth to fight for freedom and liberty in the first world war.

During the period that the Rev. Sam Chambers was with us as Assistant Minister he took a very active part in the activities of the young people and was always to be found with them on hikes, snow shoe trams, and tally-ho rides, although he wasn't really used to our cold winters, having only recently arrived from Ireland. I am sure that many will remember the last hike we had with him when we started off on a lovely Thanksgiving afternoon for a hike, which ended up in a little church building at Middlechurch where we had a Thanksgiving service.

After the cessation of the war and the young men were back home, the young people seemed to be at loose ends and it was then that the Rev. P. Bruce Thornton started the Young Peoples Confederation, later known as the

Y. P. C. The first president of this organization was Eric Watters, whose mother until recently was an active member in St. Paul's. He was followed by John MacKenzie, Lawrence Rodgers, and Sam Fleming.

Another very active group in the church was Mrs. Wylie's bible class made up of young men and women in their late teens, who wouldn't miss a Sunday afternoon from her class unless they were really ill. Mrs. Wylie had a wonderful influence on the young people and assisted them greatly when putting on dramatic sketches in their Y. P. C. Revues. If it hadn't been for such people as Mrs. Wylie, Mrs. Matt. Rodger, Mrs. C. C. Kerr and Mr. Peter Logan, I'm afraid that sometimes the young peoples revues would have fallen far short of the perfection that they attained.

Another person who placed a very important part in the lives of all the Sunday School Children; C.G. I.T.; T.R.M's; Tuxis and Y.P.C. was our beloved janitor, Mr. Wm. Marshall. There wasn't a child, teenager or young person who did not respect and love him and his word around the church was always law when it came to going home time. All he had to say was "Well it's time for me to lock up and put out the lights and for you young folks to go home." He very seldom had to tell folk twice.

There are many, many other folks whom the people of St. Paul's will remember not only for the help they gave but for the kindly Christian lives they lived as an example to all who came in contact with them.

As we look back over the C. G. I. T. work in St. Paul's, which has been in existence in our church almost since it was first organized in Manitoba, we remember some of the early leaders who worked so hard to make it a success. Our earliest superintendents, I think, were Isabel Fraser (Mrs. Scurfield); Isabel Murdock (Mrs. John MacDonald) Esther Hagborg (Mrs. Sohlgren); Mrs. C. Davis, Miss Hazel Bull, Mrs. Lois Wilson, Mrs. Marion Quong, Mrs. Mary Boomer, and many others who with the various leaders of that time, and the ones who are working so hard now, have made C. G. I. T. such a success.

We have asked many people who are, and have been, members of St. Paul's to supply us with some of the high lights of their memories of St. Paul's and we would like to pass them along to you. Sorry that we were unable to get them from everybody but these are all that have been sent to us up to the time of going to press.

### MEMORIES OF ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.

Our family came from Belfast, Ireland, in 1905 and in 1906 settled on Beverley Street. We started attending St. Paul's at Nena Street (now Sherbrooke) and Notre Dame Ave.

My father, John Easton was caretaker of the Nena Street Church the latter part of 1906 and thus was the first caretaker of the new structure when the church was opened in 1907. I well remember going from Wellington School with my brother Sam to the church for lunch on Thursdays and Fridays, the days that my mother and a friend cleaned the upstairs part of the church.

I joined the choir when I was old enough - Miss Kate Broatch, the contralto soloist, was my teacher at Wellington School and was and is one I remember well. The old "pump" organ is another memory.

The Glee Club under the direction of Mr. J. M. Yuill with Bella Cameron as accompanist. I was asked to sing with them at some of their concerts and how I enjoyed it.

St. Paul's was the first church I remember, and I have so many personal happy memories of friends made in Sunday School, choir, etc.

I well remember Mr. George Boys and Mr. J. M. Clark calling on me and asking me to return as contralto soloist, and the letter from Archie Fullarton informing me of my appointment is among "my souvenirs."

I was always glad to return to St. Paul's for teas, concerts, etc., and thank you for the opportunity of giving these few memories - there are so many more as one looks back over fifty years. May you be blessed in the future as in the past.

Mrs. Ethel (Easton) Smith,  
962 Dominion Street, Winnipeg 10.



My first memory is of a neat frame building painted dark green, which stood at the corner of Notre Dame Ave., and Nena Street, (Now Sherbrooke) and known as St. Paul's Presbyterian Church.

My family had moved to Winnipeg Avenue, we had previously attended St. Andrews Church on Elgin Ave. In St. Andrews the Sunday School was held in the basement of the church, so it was quite a surprise and novel experience to find that we held the Sunday School in the church proper and sat in the pews. My first teacher was Miss Grieves who had a very small well behaved class, among my classmates at that time was Chrissie (Beggs) Davis.

The minister Rev. Charles Stewart was a fine family man and very well liked as was also his wife, who endeared herself to the members of the church during their stay in St. Paul's.

Some of the names that I recall who were active members in those days were the Andersons, Beggs', Craig, Clark, Edmunds, Fitzgerald, Watson, Pickering, Kerr, Kirkpatrick, Williams, Moir, Smith, Cuthbert, Sloan, Easton and Hopkins.

When the time came for us to move into a larger building, the present St. Paul's, it was quite an experience to be in the Church on the opening Sunday and hear the wonderful address given by the Rev. J. L. Gordon.

As I look back I remember Mr. Corbett, teacher of the Senior Bible Class, the Miss Smith's who were active in the Primary Department and the choir. Russell and Graham Standing, who could always be found in the choir each Sunday. Mrs. Wylie, also a teacher of the Young Peoples bible class and many more, which time and space does not permit me to mention.

We will always remember Rev. Chas. Stewart, Rev. Sam Chambers, Rev. P. Bruce Thornton, Rev. Andrew Roddan, Rev. P. T. Pilkey, Rev. R. Stan. McLeod and our present minister for their comforting and inspirational sermons during the years that have past.

Before closing I would like to remember Leonard Heaton who was choirmaster and organist when I was a member of the choir, also Mrs. Fitzgerald, who had been a choir member from the first choir in the old church and many others. Later on Mrs. Lemoine Fitzgerald was soloist in our choir.

Many of the people mentioned and those others who we all remember have gone to their Rest. How good it is that though chapters go on with our life's story and people whom we have loved, drop out from time to time, and incidents change, always to be continued, never concluded, is the life and love that is rooted in Jesus Christ.

Mrs. Ethel (Drever) Teskey,  
81 McAdam Ave., Winnipeg, Man.

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I cannot say that I was a member of the original church at Nena Street and Notre Dame, although my elder sister did take me to Sunday School occasionally. However, I do remember the first Sunday that our present church was opened, as I went to the opening services with my mother and father.

The part of that important day that I do remember was sitting in church looking at the beautiful crystal chandeliers that hung from the ceiling and the lights that ringed the balcony. I was rather sorry to see these removed when the church was renovated some years ago.

During the years that I attended Sunday school, Mr. Pickering was the Superintendent and our Mission Band teacher was Miss Agnes Smith, who with her sister and brother and his family were active members in the church for many years. A frequent visitor at Mission Band was Rev. Thornton, who was always welcomed by all the children.

When I remember Christmas time at St. Paul's Sunday school, the first thing that comes to mind is our White gift Sunday, which is still a very important part of our Sunday school undertaking at Christmas time. Our Christmas concerts which were always held in the church proper, with the Sunday school children taking part and Mr. Rodgers acting as Santa Claus. Some of the teachers I remember having are Mrs. Fleming, Mrs. Falardeau and Mr. Charlie Steen.

It would be impossible to name all the outstanding old timers who were active in church work, but a few of them were the Rettie Family, MacLeods, Christies', Mowatts, Masterman, LePages, Ross's, Hagborgs, Fairbairns, Mackie's, Pritchard's and many more whose memory will be cherished in the hearts of the present people belonging to St. Paul's.

The Ladies Aid, as they were called in those days, worked so hard and made so many lovely things that the Bazaar lasted 2 days, lunch and dinner being served in bible class room by the ladies, and generally finished off by a concert on the last evening. One of the money makers one year was compiling a cook book, a copy of which my mother

still prizes very highly.

Our Sunday school picnics at the beaches or parks were always very well attended by all the members of the Church and Sunday School.

Our Anniversary services in the past have always been a success, we trust our 60th will be one long remembered by everyone.

Mabel Drever,  
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Trying to think back thirty years or so is a bit of an effort, but I will do my best to give you a short sketch of mother and dad, Rev. P. Bruce Thornton and myself.

Mother and Dad were staunch supporters of St. Paul's Church before I was born, and I unfortunately do not know if they were original charter members of the old church when it was on the corner of Sherbrooke St. or not. They worked in any position in which they felt they could help and their closest friends were among the members of the congregation. Dad was on the Board of Managers and the Session, was treasurer for over 25 years and superintendent of the Sunday School for years. They worked with the young people of the church, through the organization of the Girls' and Boys' Work Boards. They were charter members of the Lawn Bowling Club.

Both their lives were church centred and their beliefs helped in the growth of the church.

After the death of Mrs. Thornton, our Minister's mother, we moved to the manse, to help make a home for Mr. Thornton, and we stayed there until he resigned from the church to make a World Tour.

Our families had always been close and the move seemed to me, then a schoolboy in my early teens, to be a natural one. Mr. Thornton became as one of us, and our home was a happy one. He was a very fine gentleman and well loved amongst his people. He entered into their lives by his interest in what they were doing, whether it was business, church life or sport activities, as evidence by his help in establishing both the Lawn Bowling Club and the Tennis Club.

As for myself I was baptized in St. Paul's and grew up through cradle roll, Sunday school, and the young peoples organizations of our church.

In 1925 along with Morley Kerr, Bill Milne and Ernie McKelvie and under the leadership of Alex Sinclair, we organized a Boys' Department in our Sunday school and instituted a mid-week program based on the Church's Trail Ranger program, graduating to Tuxis work in three years. In 1927 I ran for and elected to the Tuxis Parliament, was elected a member and was in the cabinet each of the following three years, being chosen premier in 1930.

Under the leadership of Prof. A. R. Cragg, we organized what became one of the most successful and largest young peoples organizations in the West in those years.

I was a member of the senior choir for 10 years until I was transferred to Medicine Hat.

I look back many times on the wonderful opportunities that were presented and the wonderful friends I knew in the years I belonged to St. Paul's.

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In writing a short sketch of life around St. Paul's I hardly know where to begin, but let's start at the beginning. I believe the present St. Paul's church has a cornerstone dated 1907, this is the year before I was born. When I was 2 years old mother brought me down to Sunday school, she believed in Sunday school and made sure we attended regularly even if she had to take us. I'm sure thankful she did, for the happiest days in my life have been spent in and around church work and for the greater part of my life in St. Paul's.

In my rather young days I thought Sunday school rather humdrum until I got Mr. Habkirk as a teacher. Mr. Habkirk is out here in Vancouver and is a member of Session at St. James United Church, where our family are members. After getting the foundation laid by Mr. Habkirk, my next leader was that saintly old gentleman, Mr. John Scott. With a mother like I had and two such teachers how could I miss being interested in church work.

About the age of 16, Rev. Bruce Thornton, Mr. Matt. Rodgers and Graham Standing convinced five of us to go to leadership training class at Agricultural College. We thought this would be fun so we went. It was fun, but we

also got a lot of thought promoting ideas and upon returning from conference took on the task as Sunday school teachers, later to become known as the T. R. M's. With this nucleus and an already good C. G. I. T. under the leadership of Miss Esther Hagborg and Mrs. Davis, working in the church, the Young Peoples Organization was started.

With such leaders as Rev. Bruce Thornton, Prof. A. R. Cragg, Mrs. M. Rodgers, Mrs. C. C. Kerr, Mrs. Wylie, Mr. Peter Logan, Rev. P. T. Pilkey and later Bill Tenant as directors, the club was a going concern. Probably the one thing that kept everybody interested and working was our yearly revue, and what successes they were. No matter where you travel today you will probably meet one or more people who were members of Y. P. C. and are still interested in church work.

The W. A. was composed of a very large body of ladies working in the various circles, my mother was no exception. Her chief endeavor each year was a tea in our home, that was a big success, and this was always accomplished with the help of our good neighbors, like Mrs. Murray, Mrs. McVicar, and Gladys, Mrs. Milne, Mrs. L. Hay, Mrs. Jack Wright, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Clarkson and Marjorie Leach and her folks.

It was not a rare occasion to meet all these folks on the street on Sunday either going or coming from church. "Meet you at church" was the slogan those days and on Sunday mornings families usually all went together. We always looked for the regulars such as the Beggs', Marshalls, Andersons, Whiteways, Dodsworths, Jacksons, and later on for the Lorimers, Pilkeys, and many more. If one of the regulars was absent the order of the day on arriving home from church was to try and find out why. This is something we lack today,

I remember one time during our church history when our financial position was such that we were threatened with a foreclosure of our mortgage and the sale of the church to another denomination, that one of our members Mr. John MacDonald, announced that that would never happen as long as he lived and in no time with everybody working the mortgage was paid and once again the church was free of debt.

Well, of course, like many others the time came when I was transferred to another City and had to leave St. Paul's. The one thing I missed as did my family, was the old church and all our friends in it. You just don't find friends like the Retties, the Yuills, the Greys, the Moirs, the Hagborgs, the Robertsons, and many others when you go to a new church.

However, upon arriving in Vancouver, we found that there was quite a colony of folks from St. Paul's, some who had come out before us and others who had arrived since we came. Once a year we have a get together of all the old friends and members of St. Paul's and relive the good old days that we enjoyed while working in St. Paul's.

Ernie McKelvie,

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In reminiscing my mind goes back about thirty-five years (horrors is it so long?) when I went to St. Paul's one Sunday afternoon intending to join the Young Peoples' Group. Before I got there a kindly bearded gentleman came up and shook my hand and said "I'm John Scott, won't you join my class?"

In that class were Greville Yuill, Cecil Colpitts, Wray Stewart, Earl Coleman, Melville Welch, John Bie, Sam Fleming, and Earl Sharp. These are the boys who come to mind and of course there were about a dozen others. About Mr. Scott, I recall how sincere he was about his class and how well he knew each boy. The preparation he must have put into the lesson, how serious he could be, and then his eyes would twinkle as he saw the funny side of the situation. He commanded and held the respect and admiration of all the boys at all times. How he loved to fish - several times he took the class down to the Locks - and no matter how we tried, he was the one who always took home the most fish.

After he gave up his class he was always interested in the Sunday School and ever ready to give advice to a group of younger fellows who had little more than the "desire to be of service."

You called him "Old Mr. Scott," and I suppose he was, but at heart he was just as young as any of us, and on a hike, camping or fishing trip he could keep up with the best of us. It was about that time that Mr. Scott's class and the Senior Girl's class began to take an interest in each other. The "O. G. Whiz" Club was formed with Mrs. Chrissie Davis and Alex Sinclair as the "Understanding Chaperones". What a wholesome group of young people they were and so easy to handle. The dances, parties and weekend trips were real fun, though some who were not invited to join took a very jealous view of our activities.

About my own part in St. Paul's I guess you would know as much about that as anyone. But to give maybe a little different slant to it, here is my side of the story.

Mr. Logan had just resigned and Mr. Standing asked me to take a class in the Boys' Department. How noisy it was, with too many boys and not enough teachers. Mr. Scott's class had moved into Young Peoples' and I was the only male teacher in the department.



I received a notice of a Boy's Work Conference at the Agricultural College at Fort Garry and I asked Mr. Rodgers if the Sunday School would send myself and maybe one or two of the older boys to it. He didn't think too much of the idea but finally said O.K. So I asked Vic Rodgers, Morley Kerr, Bill Milne and Ernie McKelvie to go with me. What an inspiring conference that was. Being in association with a group of young men interested in working with boys for a whole weekend - Friday night to Sunday afternoon - really made the five of us ponder over what was going on in St. Paul's. When the sessions were over we all met in my room and had a real discussion on "what could we do about St. Paul's?"

When we returned - full of enthusiasm - I guess we expected to be welcomed with open arms - we were somewhat deflated by an emphatic "NO", the four boys were too young to take groups. But with the persistence of youth and an assist from Rev. P. Bruce Thornton, we were given a chance on a three months trial. One reason for the change in attitude was my suggestion that five of us meet after the Trail Ranger meeting and spend at least an hour studying the lesson for next Sunday. Rev. P. B. Thornton, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Standing and Mr. Scott, in succession each took study periods with us and that was how the T. R. M's were formed.

One noticeable thing happened, the noise quieted down, the boys came to Sunday school and attendance became more regular. By the fall we were in need of more teachers and Keith Dryborough and I think Merville Erwin joined us at that time. We held a Leadership training session, and one of those who came in to help us put it on, was Clive Tallin, who later joined the Department.

Then we had financial problems. A new Boy's Work Board was formed but it was without funds. Many ideas were put forward - Teas, Rummage Sales, Plays and a Musical Show of the Revue type and that was when the T. R. M's Revue was started. The first year in the Church Basement, then to Sparling School and the third year to the I. O. G. T. Hall on Sargent Avenue, each year getting bigger and better until we ended up putting it on in the small hall in the Auditorium.

What a great help Mrs. Rodgers and Mrs. Kerr were. Do you remember "Betty Blyth's Style Show" when Vic wearing a wig made from his mother's hair was the Modiste? And Eddie Kobold over six feet tall wore a tunic and bobby sox as the growing girl? or "Fun in a Country Store"? when Bill Milne, playing the part of the old maid, took off his wig and then put it on backwards, when he went out to take a bow.

Of course the successes we had were not all our own doing. We had plenty of help from Rev. P. B. Thornton, Dr. P. T. Pilkey, and Rev. Nat. McLennaghan, from the Boy's Work Board, with men like J. M. Yuill, Art Hutton, Bill Manson and many others serving on it, from the Trail Rangers Mothers Circle, from Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Graham Standing, Mr. Fullarton, and Mr. Marshall, the caretaker. They all helped to guide and direct us in our endeavors.

I think of the Father and Son Banquets, what keen competition there was in the table decorations - what ingenious ideas some of the groups had. The miles of crepe paper we crimped and twisted to make streamers. Remember the boys getting up and proposing the toasts to the girls, boys like Jack Carmichael, Jim Rettie, Ron Milne, Mike Manson, Basil Brown, etc. and how sweetly the C. G. I. T. Girls would reply. Remember too how one of the greatest ambition of the boys and leaders was to be asked as guests to the C. G. I. T. Mother and Daughter Banquet.

The first banquet the T. R. M's put on for the ladies. The well kept secret as to who was preparing the meal - and the surprise when the ladies found out the boys were doing it themselves.

Those were great days and how many times I have solved problems by digging down into memory lane and doing some of the things we had tried and found would work in St. Paul's.

My years as general superintendent also brings back memories. They are mostly memories of people - people like the late Archie Fullarton and Dave MacDonald, the secretary treasurers - Chris Davis and Esther Hagborg in C. G. I. T., Mrs. E. G. Smith in juniors - Mrs. Henry and Miss Andrew in primary - Miss Margaret McKelvie in beginners - Mrs. Hugh MacDonald in cradle roll, and Jim Saunders as organist.

White Gift Sunday - what an important day that was - The C. G. I. T. girls singing the processional, "We Three Kings of Orient Are" led by Ethel Curr, Irene Drever and Mary Beggs. Then the pageant - remember the time we made the cardboard niches and Marion Johnson and Charlie Henry read the story from them - and how they nearly passed out from the heat created by the Christmas tree lights, used to light them up? The fun it was making the beards for the Shepherds and wings for the Angels? They all created a great deal of interest in the Sunday school and it was so encouraging because of the support received from the congregation.

This has been a quick run down of the "highlights" but what of the boys and girls whom we tried to teach. What effect was our influence upon them? How much did we influence George Marshall, Thomas Saunders, Ted Wallace to enter the ministry. How much did it affect other people - that is an intangible we may never know. Maybe it is as well for our ego that we don't find out. Certainly people like Mr. Scott did have an effect on those he came in

contact with as I know he did on me.

The fourteen years St. Paul's gave me will never be forgotten. I thought at the time I was giving to St. Paul's but as the years go on I am still reaping the benefits of the training I received there. "Cast your bread upon the waters and it shall be returned" and in my case it is very true.

As I was writing this I just had a call from Rev. M. McFadden, our minister, he wants me to teach a class of Intermediate boys. So next Sunday I will be back in Sunday school again.

Alex Sinclair,  
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In reminiscing over past years I always have a feeling of real joy and happiness when I recall the good times I had in St. Paul's.

Starting Sunday school at the age of two, being brought by my elder sisters, I remained a member of St. Paul's until my marriage in 1946.

As I look back I think of the many girl friends I made in Sunday school and how we stayed together, going through C. G. I. T. Young People and the Choir. During C. G. I. T. and Young Peoples we had a capable and efficient leader and true friend in Mrs. Chrissie Davis, she was like a mother to all of us and we loved her for it. After graduating from Sunday school we went on to become teachers ourselves, thus carrying on the work of the Church.

When we joined the senior choir under the leadership of Mr. Peter Logan, with Jim Saunders as organist, I think of the girls and young men who joined at the same time. Ethel Curr, Mary Beggs, Isa Dunsheath, Margaret Williams, Marjorie Logan, Viv Rodgers, Morley Kerr, Allister Hubble, Pat Logan, and what good times we had together.

All the above and many more young people became the nucleus for our young peoples Bible Class and Y. P. C. meeting during the week. Our first leader being Prof. Cragg of United College and later the Rev. Nat. McLennagh, at that time assistant minister. We also had George Marshall and Tom Saunders in our group who were studying for the ministry and who took turns in editing our paper issued once a month for the Y. P. C., which really proved to be of interest, not only to us, but to everyone in the church.

The members of the Y. P. C. under the musical direction of Mr. Peter Logan and the dramatic leadership of Mrs. Wylie became quite famous not only in our own church but throughout the City for the musical revues we put on from time to time, to raise money not only for our own work but to give a little assistance to the finances of the church.

In closing, I would just like to mention how great a shock it was to all of us to hear of the passing of our dear friend and fellow companions the Rev. George Marshall and Miss Nan Allison, whose company we all enjoyed during our work and play.

To one and all of the friends I have made, and to those who are carrying on in the work in St. Paul's church at the present time, I wish you all the very best and may your 60th Anniversary be a success in every way. May God continue to bless you in all your work.

Irene (Drever) Dewey,  
Hudson, Ont.

St. Paul's United Church 1926 - 27 was possibly at the peak of its history and certainly so, in so far as its Sunday school and young peoples' work were concerned.

There were several possible reasons, Rev. P. Bruce Thornton, the arrival of an assistant minister, Rev. Nat. McLennagh and an outstanding group of young men dedicated to Sunday school work and not afraid to accept responsibilities resulting therefrom.

The group I think was unique, it started from a small nucleus, broadened and strengthened itself. It was made up of local members of the congregation and has never been equalled in the work it accomplished and the length of time it remained in existence.

In the beginning we were all deeply interested in Sunday school work, as such during the six or seven years in question St. Paul's had an outstanding reputation in the United Church in Greater Winnipeg for the excellence and size of its Sunday school, a reputation lived up to at the Sunday school rallies on New Years morning - who ever hears of such a thing now?

Alex Sinclair, one of Matt Rodgers stalwarts, if my memory is correct was Superintendent of the Boys Department, and the mainspring in setting the idea of a leaders organization. This was during the time of the church's experiment with the C. S. E. T. Program and the "Trail Rangers and Tuxis". Once again if my memory is correct, Rev. Homer Lane was Boys' Work Secretary. These points all tie in together because they were the basis of the organization that for some years was known as the T. R. M's. Actually we were all Trail Ranger Mentors originally and while the name T. R. M's subsequently did not have any particular significance it certainly did originally.

Associated with Alex Sinclair originally were Viv Rodgers, Morley Kerr, Bill Milne, Ernie McKelvie and myself. The group later was enlarged by Stan Cambelford, Mervin Erwin, Ted Black, Charlie Campbell, Doug Osborne, Geo. Marshall, Pat Logan, Alex Reilly, Jack Kerr and Pat Ballantyne. My memory fails me now and my sincere apologies to any of the other members I have overlooked.

I can, never forget the help, guidance and assistance we received from Mrs. M. Rodgers, and Mrs. Kerr in our Revues and any time that we asked for it over the years. To these two ladies must go much of the credit for the success of our musical concerts and revues, the highlights of our year's experience, held in the old "Gooly" Hall on Sargent Avenue. Alf Winch must also be remembered for his valuable assistance.

It is hard to realize that in the intervening years, the old crowd have to all intents and purposes scattered to various parts of our Dominion, and most of them have married and raised families, but an occasional return visit to St. Paul's for a Sunday morning service revives memories of the parts we played in and around it just a short thirty years ago.

To those who have passed from our midst, their memory still remains.

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### MEMORIES OF C. G. I. T. IN ST. PAUL'S.

Many years have passed since my first night at C. G. I. T. in St. Paul's Church. How I had envied the girls alreading wearing the White Middy with the Navy Blue Collar and Cuffs and the Black Tie, and now I could wear the C. G. I. T. Uniform myself. Just thinking back brings memories of the girls in our groups, of the fast friendships made and of our Leaders: Miss Esther Hagborg, Miss Isabel Murdock, Miss Isabel Fraser, Dimpey Grimes, Marjorie Grey, Annie Baird, Gladys McVicar, and my own sister Chrissie Davis. Because of their leadership many of us went on to leadership in C. G. I. T. when we graduated ourselves.

Initiation Night: when the seniors made the juniors take part in all kinds of stunts such as eating cold cooked spaghetti (worms) and peeled grapes (eyes) during which time of course we all wore blind folds.

Stunt Night: I can still see Cecelia Anderson as Clementine, "Blowing bubbles soft and fine", or when we put on "the house that Jack built" and Elma Robertson and Ethel Curr were the "Cow with the Crumpled Horn" and Irene Drever the "Maiden all Forlorn" who milked the front of the cow, or young Lockinvar's bride who got stuck trying to go through the basement window, (not mentioning any names). The lecture hall (as it was then known) just rocked with mirth.

Then the nights when we were composing Group Songs and Yells, must have added the odd grey hair to our Leaders crowning glory. Memories too of Hikes, Hayrides, Tally-Ho's, Week-end Campings, Weiner Roasts and Bean Feeds still linger. These were not always composed of just girls as the Trail Rangers and Mentors were always to be found whenever there was any C. G. I. T. fun going on. I wonder do the boys still meet the girls after C. G. I. T. to walk the girls home. Remember when one of the members of the Boys Work Board told the boys that C. G. I. T. stood for "Can't get in Tom."

Remember how we used to practice Volley Ball with the net tied between two posts in the basement and when Hazel Bull tried to spike the ball she had to duck to miss hitting the heating pipes with her head. But there must have been enough room to practice because St. Paul's C. G. I. T. won the City Championship 2 years in a row.

Our Bible and Mission studies helped us to plan our future life with our church and its work.

C. G. I. T. had a group of 12 ladies known as the Girls Work Board, who were always ready and willing to lend a helping hand in any way they could. They raised money to help send girls to C. G. I. T. Camp. When we needed someone to heat the beans and make the cocoa they were always there. When we put on our Silver Teas with each group competing for first place, our Ladies always acted as judges and were sure to find the thumb tack we thought we had so well covered and away would go a point or two. When it came to our Mother and Daughter Banquets it was the Girls Work Board who spent long hours in the kitchen preparing it. I wonder do they have a Girls Work Board now connected with the



C. G. I. T. Remember the marvelous Themes we used to have and carried out in our decorations and toasts. The "Rose of Girlhood"; the "Sea of Life"; "The Rainbow of Girlhood", "Life's Vineyard" and many more.

As I look back on the many years that have passed, I know that my first years in C. G. I. T. enabled me to carry on as a Leader in St. Paul's where I had many wonderful girls in my group and also gave me the knowledge and ability to carry on in C. G. I. T. work since I came out to Vancouver.

I am sure that the Girls and Leaders who once belonged to St. Paul's C. G. I. T., wherever they may be, send their Best Wishes to their old Church on its 60th Anniversary.

Mary (Beggs) McNee,  
Royal Heights United Church,  
North Surrey, B. C.

I remember - The Girls Work Board, of St. Paul's United Church, Mrs. Ethel Fawns, Last President, Winnipeg, Man.

The Girls Work Board was started in 1925 by a group of 14 women with a purpose to assist the Canadian Girls in Training to become the Girls God would have them be. The original president was Mrs. Matthew Rodgers, Secretary Mrs. C. C. Kerr and Treasurer, Mrs. Scott.

Over the years the Board stood behind the girls and leaders in everything they did. They held Teas, Home Cooking Sales, Concerts and many other efforts to raise money for C. G. I. T. work. Most of the money raised was used to send one or two outstanding girls to C. G. I. T. Camps or to help other girls to go who would not have been able to go if they had had to pay the full fare. They bought Hymn Books for the Camp at Brereton, Trophies for the girls to compete for, Middies for girls who could not afford them and gave a sum of money towards sending a leader to Leadership Training Camp and many other things too numerous to mention.

The Board met once a month with the C. G. I. T. superintendent to discuss and plan the best way they might serve. Every year the ladies planned and cooked the Mother and Daughter Banquet. They were always on hand to serve the girls hot cocoa after Hikes, Tally-ho's, Scavenger Hunts and at the Christmas parties the ladies attended to the refreshments that the leaders and girls had brought. They were always happy to help the girls when they were packing and delivering their Christmas Hampers.

Of the Many outstanding girls who have passed through our C. G. I. T. in the past 35 years, one C. G. I. T. girl will always be remembered for her loyalty to her Church and her C. G. I. T. purpose, "Serve Others", - I speak of Miriam Fulton, who after graduating from our C. G. I. T. went over to MacLean Mission to help there as she said you can always get leaders here but they are short over there. She was training for a Deaconess at United College, when she took seriously ill and passed away after a short illness. People will remember that folks from all walks of life and almost from every nationality were present at her funeral which was held in our Church.

Many of the Ladies who have served from time to time on the Board have passed away, but two of the original 14 are still living, Mrs. C. C. Kerr of Port Arthur, and Mrs. C. Davis, still very active in St. Paul's. Those of us still here are ready at any time to assist the C. G. I. T. and Leaders in whatever way we can with God's help.

To every Girl there openeth  
A highway and a low,  
And every girl decideth,  
The way her Soul shall go.

Ethel Fawns.

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#### LOOKING BACK

There are many things that come to my mind, since I associated with St. Paul's United Church in 1925. It was my privilege to serve as Secretary of the Board of Stewards for twenty-five years and as Chairman of the Board for 2 years. The most difficult period of my service on the Board, was during the THIRTIES.

The one trouble spot I recall most clearly was the time when we could not meet our mortgage payments and the bond holders were about to be called upon to make good. The late Mr. T. K. Dodsworth, was Chairman of the Board at this time and it was through his personal efforts, leadership and guidance that arrangements were made making it unnecessary to take final action with the bond holders. The personal service and leadership given by Mr. Dodsworth should certainly be recorded in the history of St. Paul's.

In looking back I also recall dedicated service given by such persons as Mr. & Mrs. Roy Simpson, Roy was a tireless worker wherever there was work to be done and Mrs. Simpson served as Superintendent of the Sunday School for years. Then there was the late Mr. Andrew Moir who was a familiar figure in welcoming everyone at the door and the late Mr. Hugh Wallace, a member of the Session and for some time Superintendent of the Sunday School until he retired on account of ill health.

There were many other with whom I worked but space will not permit naming them all.

Sincerely,

George A. Jackson.







